



Iowa Influenza Surveillance Network (IISN)

Influenza-like Illness (ILI) and Other Respiratory Viruses

Weekly Activity Report

For the week ending December 27, 2014 - Week 52

All data presented in this report are provisional and may change as additional reports are received



Quick Stats	
Percent of outpatient visits for ILI ¹	0.78 % (baseline 1.7%)
Percent of influenza rapid test positive	Data not available
Percent of RSV rapid tests positive	Data not available
Percent school absence due to illness ²	3.81%
Number of schools with ≥10% absence due to illness	0 (due to holiday break)
Influenza-associated hospitalizations ³	161/5,750 inpatients surveyed
Influenza-associated pediatric mortality	0

¹ ILI: Influenza-like Illness is defined as a fever of ≥100° F as well as cough and/or sore throat.

² Percent school absence due to illness are reported through a weekly survey of Iowa sentinel schools

³ Hospitalizations due to influenza are voluntarily reported through a weekly survey of Iowa sentinel hospitals

Iowa Influenza Geographic Spread ²	
No Activity	
Sporadic	
Local	
Regional	
Widespread	

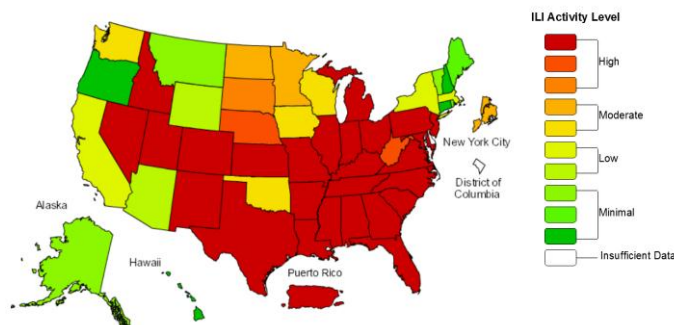
² This is based on CDC's activity estimates definition
www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/overview.htm

Iowa statewide activity summary:

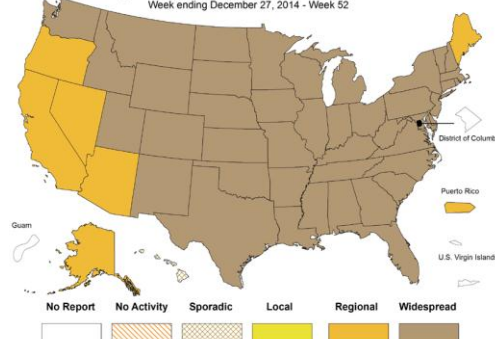
Influenza activity in Iowa remains widespread. For this reporting week, the State Hygienic Laboratory detected 37 flu A(H3N2), 24 flu A(pending subtype), four flu B(Yamagata lineage), one flu B(Victoria lineage) and two flu A(pending subtype) cases. No schools reported 10 percent or greater absenteeism due to illness (due to the holiday break) and eight long-term care outbreaks were investigated. This reporting week, 161 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported from sentinel hospitals. In addition, nine cases of adenovirus, six cases of parainfluenza virus type 2, four cases of parainfluenza virus type 3, one case of parainfluenza virus type 4, nine cases of RSV, two cases of hMPV and 22 cases of rhinovirus/enterovirus were reported to IDPH.

National activity summary - (CDC):

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Activity Level Indicator Determined by Data Reported to ILINet
 2014-15 Influenza Season Week 52 ending Dec 27, 2014



Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State & Territorial Epidemiologists*
 Week ending December 27, 2014 - Week 52



Synopsis: During week 52 (December 21-27, 2014), influenza activity continued to increase in the United States.

Viral Surveillance: Of 24,001 specimens tested and reported by U.S. World Health Organization (WHO) and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) collaborating laboratories during week 52, 7,289 (30.4%) were positive for influenza.

Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality: The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was below the epidemic threshold.

Influenza-associated Pediatric Deaths: Six influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported.

Influenza-associated Hospitalizations: A cumulative rate for the season of 12.6 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 population was reported.

Outpatient Illness Surveillance: The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 5.9%, above the national baseline of 2.0%. All 10 regions reported ILI at or above region-specific baseline levels. Puerto Rico and 29 states experienced high ILI activity; New York City and six states experienced moderate ILI activity; five states experienced low ILI activity; nine states experienced minimal ILI activity; and the District of Columbia and one state had insufficient data.

Geographic Spread of Influenza: The geographic spread of influenza in 43 states was reported as widespread; Puerto Rico and six states reported regional activity; one state reported sporadic activity; and the District of Columbia, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands did not report.

Detailed information can be found online at www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

International activity summary - (WHO):

Globally, influenza activity continued to increase in the northern hemisphere with influenza A(H3N2) viruses predominating so far. The antigenic characterization of most recent A(H3N2) viruses so far indicated differences from the A(H3N2) virus used in the influenza vaccines for the northern hemisphere 2014-2015. Detailed information can be found online at

www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/updates/latest_update_GIP_surveillance/en/.

Laboratory surveillance program:

The State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) is the primary lab for influenza testing and reporting in Iowa. SHL reports the number of tests performed and the type and strain of positive tests to the influenza surveillance network several times every week. In addition, SHL surveys clinical and reference labs for the number of rapid-antigen tests performed and number positive weekly. This report also includes the positive non-influenza virus tests reported from SHL, the Dunes Medical Laboratories at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, and Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

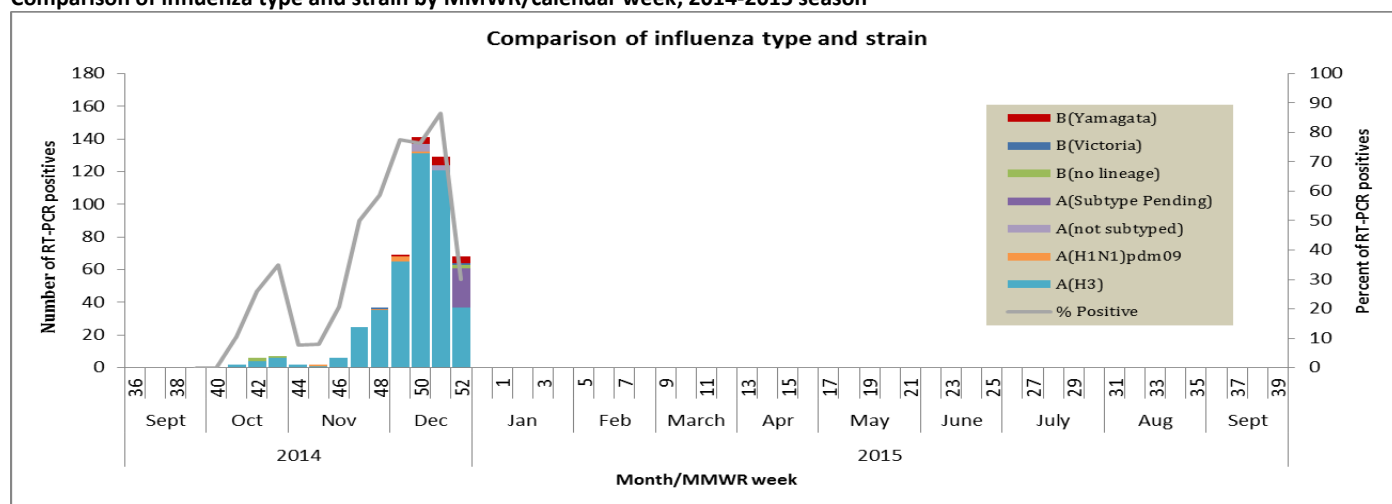
	CURRENT WEEK				YEAR TO DATE (9/1/14 – PRESENT WEEK)			
Age Group	Flu A				Flu A			
	A(H1N1)pdm09	A(H3)	Subtype Pending	Not subtyped	A(H1N1)pdm09	A(H3)	Subtype Pending	Not subtyped
0-4	0(0%)	5(14%)	2(8%)	0(0%)	2(33%)	41(10%)	2(8%)	0(0%)
5-17	0(0%)	4(11%)	2(8%)	0(0%)	1(17%)	87(22%)	2(8%)	1(14%)
18-24	0(0%)	1(3%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	44(11%)	0(0%)	0(0%)
25-49	0(0%)	2(5%)	2(8%)	0(0%)	2(33%)	58(14%)	2(8%)	0(0%)
50-64	0(0%)	2(5%)	1(4%)	0(0%)	1(17%)	34(8%)	1(4%)	3(43%)
>64	0(0%)	23(62%)	17(71%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	138(34%)	17(71%)	3(43%)
Total	0	37	24	0	6	402	24	7

*Counts of three or less are sometimes suppressed to protect confidentiality. Note that counts may not add up to the total due to missing age information
Only cases of Iowa residents are included
"Not subtyped" column is due to weak detections. This can be due to poor collection, timing of collection or stage of infection.

	CURRENT WEEK			YEAR TO DATE (9/1/14 – PRESENT WEEK)		
Age Group	Flu B			Flu B		
	Victoria Lineage	Yamagata Lineage	Lineage Pending	Victoria Lineage	Yamagata Lineage	Lineage Pending
0-4	0(0%)	0(0%)	1(50%)	0(0%)	2(15%)	1(20%)
5-17	0(0%)	2(50%)	1(50%)	0(0%)	5(38%)	1(20%)
18-24	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)
25-49	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	1(50%)	2(15%)	0(0%)
50-64	0(0%)	2(50%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	3(23%)	3(60%)
>64	1(100%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	1(50%)	1(8%)	0(0%)
Total	1	4	2	2	13	5

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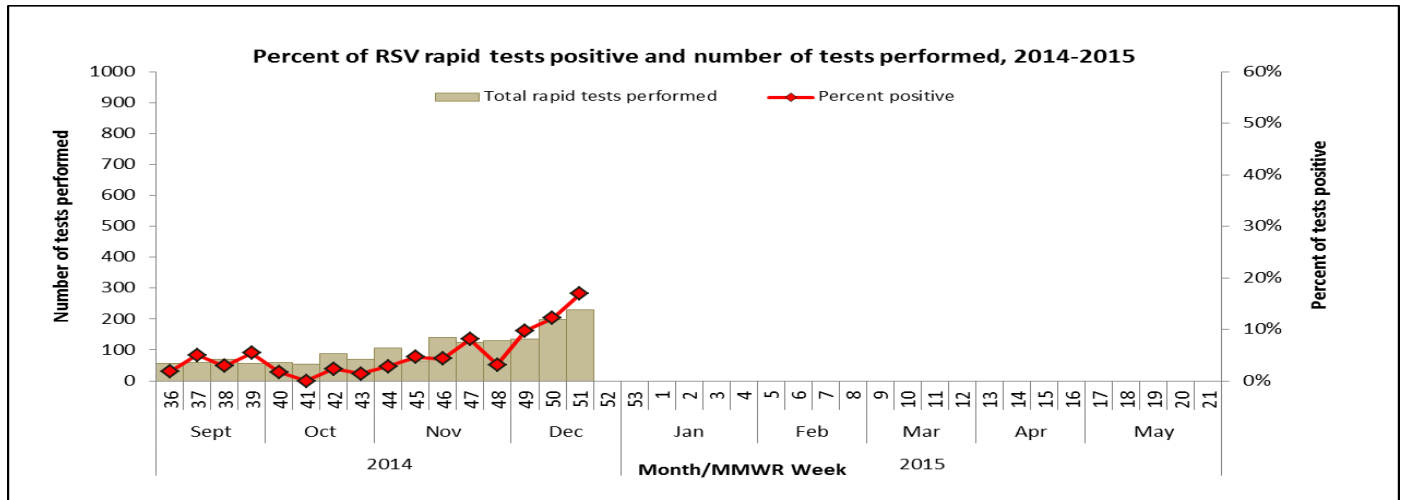
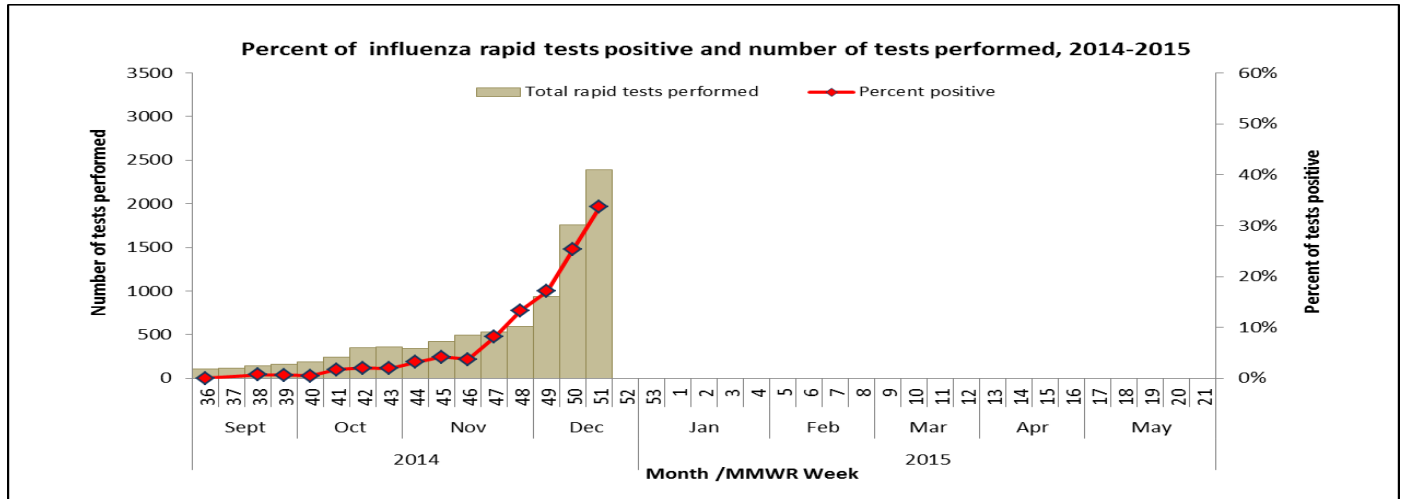
Comparison of influenza type and strain by MMWR/calendar week, 2014-2015 season



Rapid influenza and RSV test surveillance:

The State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) runs a weekly web-based survey program where laboratorians report the number of influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) rapid tests performed and the number of tests positive. This table includes only the number of patients tested for influenza or RSV at laboratory surveillance sites throughout the state. This table does not provide case counts.

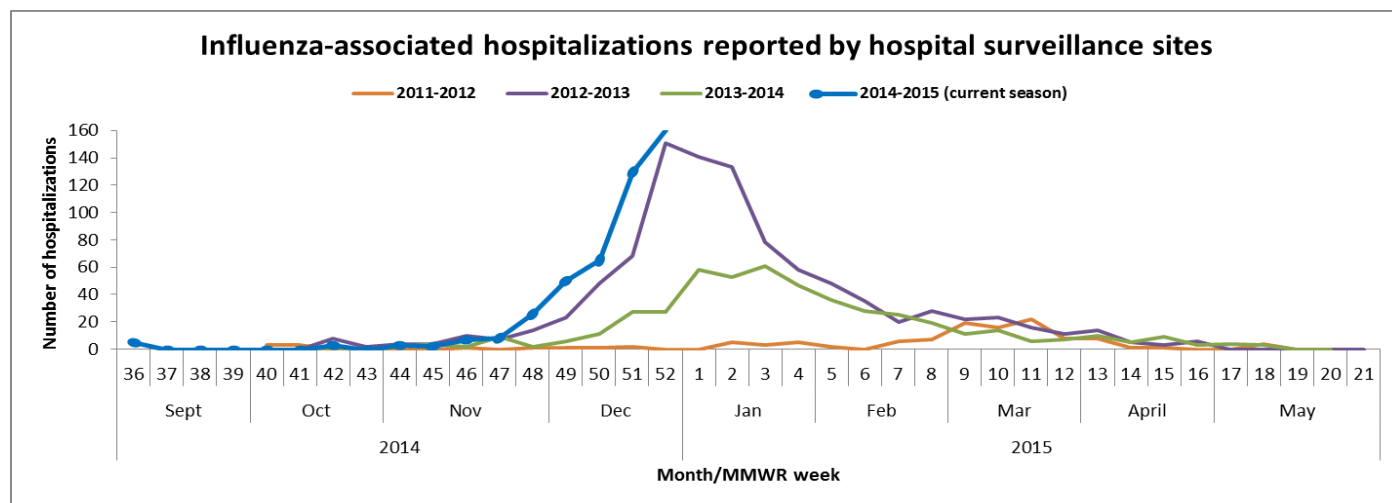
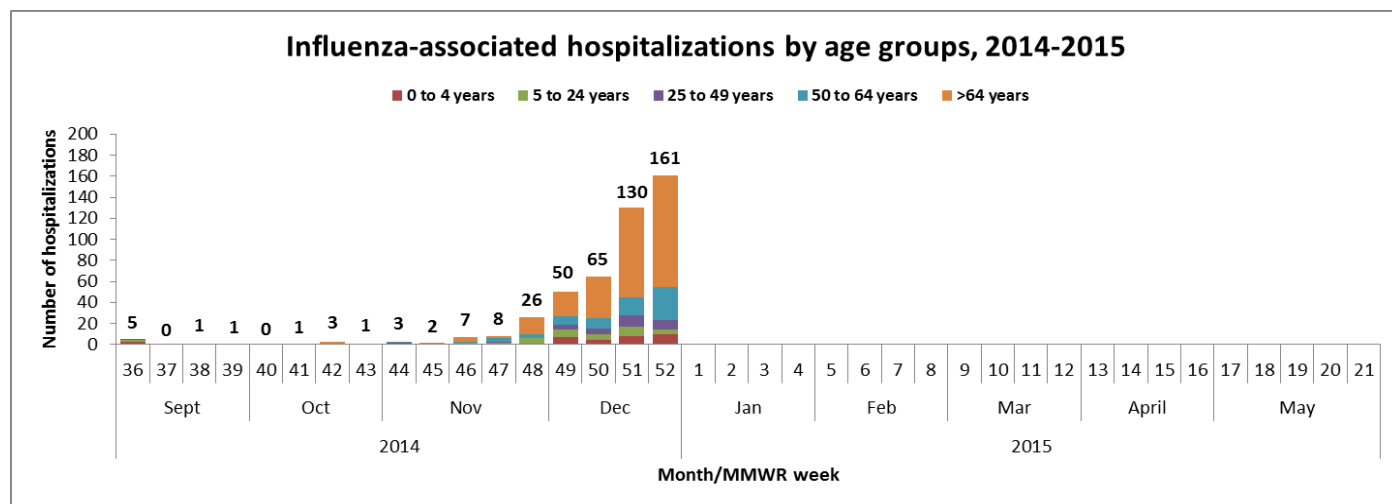
Data to populate table 3 is not available due to the holiday break.



Influenza-associated hospitalizations:

Sentinel hospitals that participate in IISN voluntarily track and report the number of influenza-associated hospitalizations and the total number of inpatients each week.

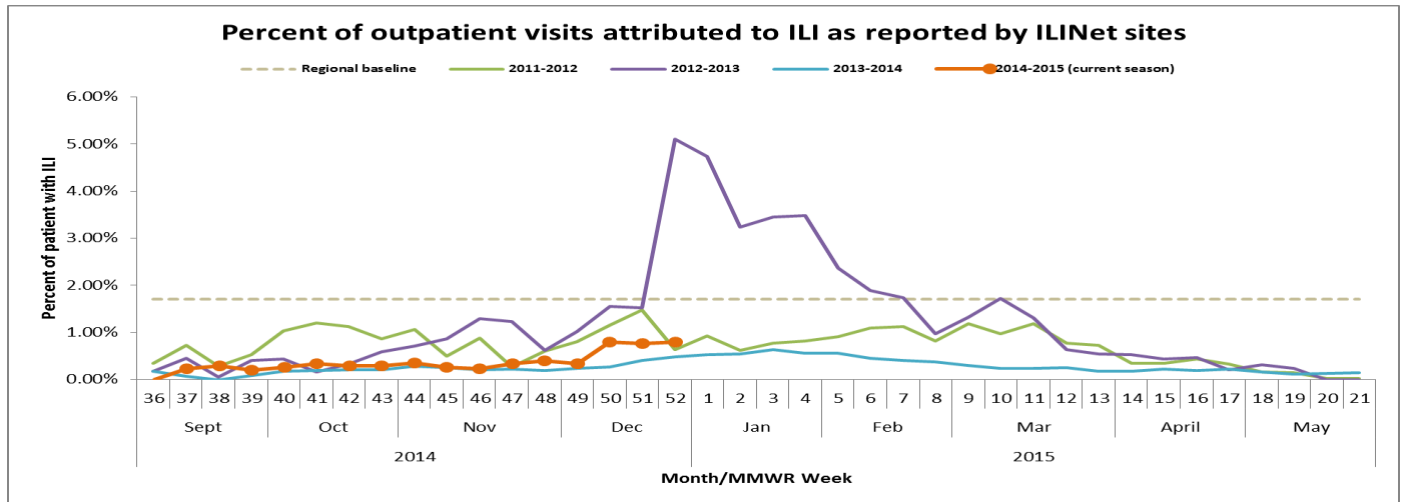
AGE	CURRENT WEEK	CUMULATIVE (9/1/14 – PRESENT WEEK)
Age 0-4	10	38
Age 5-24	4	35
Age 25-49	9	33
Age 50-64	32	78
Age >64	106	280
Total	161	464



Outpatient health care provider surveillance program (ILINet):

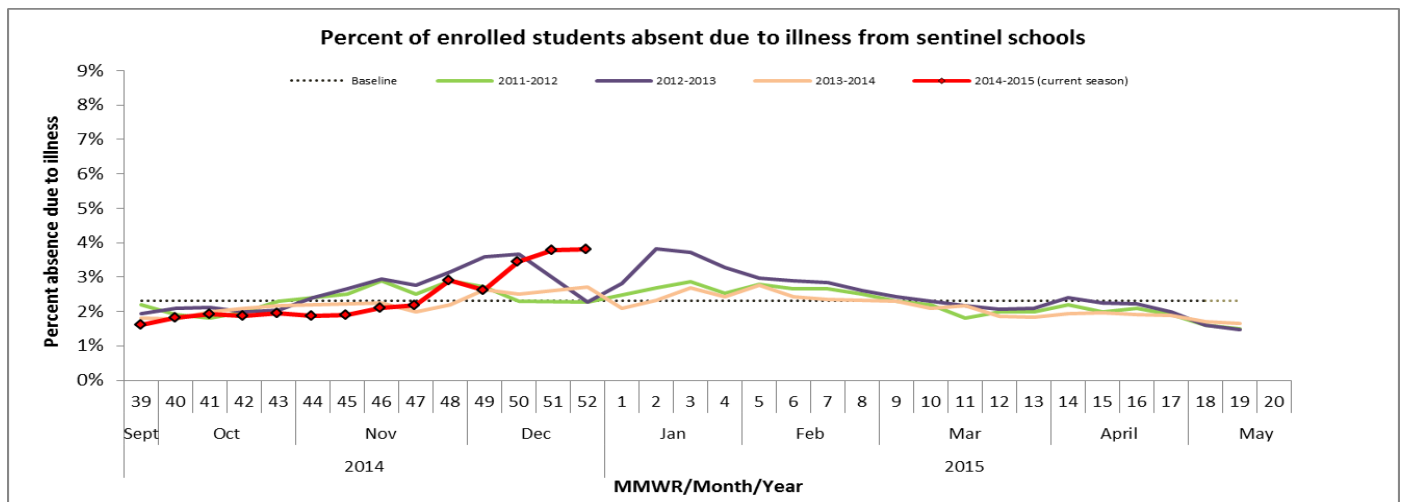
Outpatient health care providers who participate in the ILINet (a national influenza surveillance program) report the number of patients seen with influenza-like illness and the total number of patient visits each week. This system is a key part of Iowa's influenza surveillance. Iowa health care providers interested in joining this surveillance program should contact Kemi Oni at 515-725-2136 or oluwakemi.oni@idph.iowa.gov for more information.

Hospitalization	%ILI	Total ILI	Age 0-4	Age 5-24	Age 25-49	Age 50-64	Age >64
Week 50, ending Dec 13	0.79	276	42	149	45	18	22
Week 51, ending Dec 20	0.75	265	42	151	40	20	12
Week 52, ending Dec 27	0.78	186	26	77	44	20	19



School surveillance program:

Sentinel schools that participate in IISN voluntarily track and report absence due to all illness (including non-influenza illnesses) and the total enrollment each week.



10% School Absenteeism:

Schools (k-12) tracks and report outbreaks of influenza-like illness when the number of students absent with illness reaches or exceeds 10 percent of total student enrollment. Regional map with schools that have $\geq 10\%$ absence due to illness for this current reporting week is displayed below.

None of the schools reported absenteeism due to the holiday break

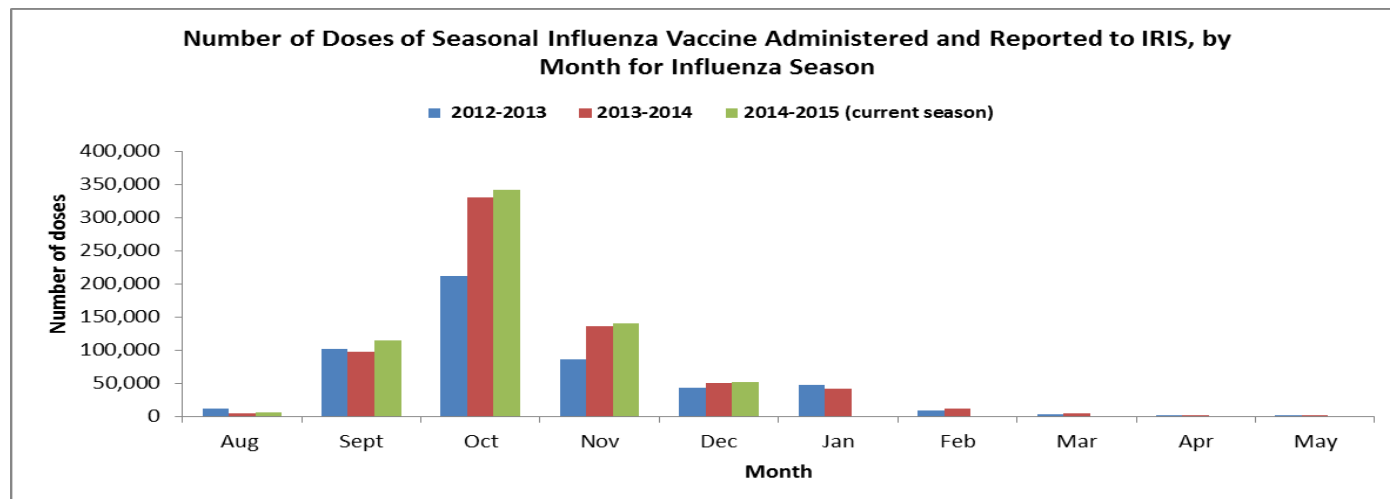
Long-term Care Outbreaks

Table 7: Number of long-term care outbreaks investigated		
REGION*	CURRENT WEEK	CUMULATIVE (9/1/14 – PRESENT WEEK)
Region 1	1	8
Region 2	2	3
Region 3	2	3
Region 4	1	6
Region 5	1	1
Region 6	1	2
Total	8	23

*Region 1- Boone, Calhoun, Carroll, Dallas, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Jasper, Marshall, Polk, Poweshiek, Story, Tama, Warren, Webster; Region 2- Allamakee, Bremer, Butler, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Emmet, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Howard, Humboldt, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth, Wright; Region 3- Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Dickinson, Ida, Lyon, Monona, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Woodbury; Region 4- Adair, Adams, Audubon, Cass, Clarke, Decatur, Fremont, Guthrie, Harrison, Madison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Shelby, Taylor, Union; Region 5- Appanoose, Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Lucas, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Muscatine, Van Buren, Wapello, Washington, Wayne; Region 6- Benton, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Cedar, Clayton, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Iowa, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Scott.

Seasonal influenza vaccination:

Seasonal influenza vaccination data in Iowa is based on doses reported to the Iowa Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS). IRIS is a confidential, computerized, population-based system that tracks immunization for children, adolescents and adults who are seen in a variety of public and private healthcare provider sites throughout the state of Iowa. For more information on the immunization data, contact Kim Tichy, IRIS coordinator at 515-281-4288 or kimberly.tichy@idph.iowa.gov



Note: The data for the 2014-2015 season is only up to the current week and there is a lag between the vaccine administration date and the date reported to the IRIS. The current season's data will be adjusted as additional data is received.

Other resources:

Vaccine:

Influenza vaccine recommendation: <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ImmTB/Immunization.aspx?prog=Imm&pg=Flu>

CDC vaccine information: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/faq/flu-vaccine-types.htm>

Vaccine finder: <http://vaccinefinder.org/>

Neighboring states' influenza information:

Illinois: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/flu/surveillance.htm>

Minnesota: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/stats/index.html>

Missouri: <http://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/influenza/reports.php>

South Dakota: <http://doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/flu/>

Wisconsin: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/influenza/surveillance.htm

Google Flu Trends: <http://www.google.org/flutrends/us/#US-IA>